

REPLY OF ALLIES IS CONCILIATORY

U. S. FAVORS PUBLICITY

President Takes Position That America as Co-Belligerent, Regardless of Treaty, Should Be Party to Any Settlement Made

Washington, Feb. 18. (By Associated Press.)—President Wilson's note to the League of Nations regarding the Atlantic settlement which caused something of a stir in this as well as the allied countries, apparently has served to settle the whole subject of negotiation. The Supreme Council's reply was received today at the State department, but is withheld.

London advices said the note was conciliatory. The State department made no comment on this, but it was pretty well known that the president's personal communication had been removed from the public question from the status in which was after the council, communicated settlement to Jugo-Slavia in the form of an ultimatum. Under the League of Nations, the United States was given the option of accepting the council's plan or submitting to the carrying out of the Atlantic settlement. The United States, however, in this connection, it was closed to-day that President Wilson's note, again came out definitely that the application of this treaty.

It also was understood that the President had taken the position that regarding the operation of the treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations, the United States should be a party to the Atlantic settlement because of its position as a co-belligerent.

While the premier's reply was being received at the State department from Ambassador Davis, a suggestion came from Rome that the premier had invited the American government, in the event that still held that the original Atlantic settlement made at Paris on December 19th, should be carried out, indicating that the United States should be a party to this agreement, if it should be accepted by Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

While the department has decided not to make public the President's communication, the President's reply, without the consent of France, Great Britain and Italy, it was learned from authoritative sources today that the American government looked with favor on the publication of the exchanges and had taken steps to ascertain the wishes of the other powers in the matter.

A factor in the desire of the United States for publicity, it was said, was the published versions of President Wilson's note. These versions were said to have been sent by the President to the London cabinet, at which the United States is represented, are all subject to approval at subsequent meetings in Paris, which an American representative probably will be present.

RANITE MANUFACTURERS POSE TENNEY INCREASE

Montpelier, Feb. 18.—A hearing is taking place in the Senate chamber of the House in which the Granite manufacturers of Washington county oppose an increase in rates that the public service commission has proposed. The Tenney company last fall, after which a suspension of rates occurred until such time as the manufacturers could introduce testimony showing that the increase was without merit.

An adjourned hearing and the opponents, the Tenney company, took the first by agreement in which they laid their brief. This part of the hearing takes explicitly to the valuation of the plants, etc., of the company. Their valuation is \$4,113,000.

It is understood that the increased value of material between the time the plants were constructed and compared with cost of production of plants to-day will be shown during the hearing.

The manufacturers have made a valuation of the plants themselves, having the Tenney company used outside experts. Their valuation will not agree with that of the Tenney company for they will argue a certain period of 19 years should be used in the valuation, forming the decision of the commission.

THREE PERISH IN PROVIDENCE HOTEL FIRE

Providence, R. I., Feb. 18.—Three known and 22 missing, the official police check last night of the unaccounted guests at the Lorraine Hotel here, left by fire early this morning. Search of the ruins of the structure for additional bodies will begin to-morrow. There is a total of 166 guests registered and these the authorities have found 71 to be safe. The missing are practically Massachusetts and New York people, and coroner's investigations of a fire and of an alleged lack of fire escape and a failure properly to warn guests when the blaze was discovered under way to-night, with intimations a grand jury inquiry into the matter.

ENATE CONFIRMS JOHNSON'S NOMINATION

Washington, Feb. 18.—The nomination of Robert Underwood Johnson as ambassador to Italy was confirmed without opposition to-day by the Senate.

\$20,000 A YEAR JOB FOR LANE

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 18.—Franklin K. Lane, retiring secretary of the Interior, is being offered a job as executive of the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport company, on the condition that he resigns his official position, was announced here to-day.

Mr. Lane's salary, it was reported, will be \$20,000 annually. He will have office in New York and serve in the capacity of legal adviser, a vice-president.

SUFFRAGISTS ENDORSE LEAGUE

National Body Also Adopts Resolution Opposing Compulsory Training

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The National League of Women Voters, after adopting a resolution endorsing universal compulsory military training, refused at the closing session today to reconsider its action. The motion to reconsider was defeated following argument.

Other action today included endorsement of the League of Nations, with the understanding that necessary reservations were sanctioned.

The next national meeting of the league will be called by the board of directors. The league succeeds the National American Woman Suffrage association, which dissolved after fighting for woman's right to suffrage since 1850.

At today's session rights of free speech, free press and free representation were emphatically supported. The women declared their opposition to any attempt to use violence against the government, but warned that "if considered attempts to meet this difficulty," imperiled the real liberty of American citizens.

CANTON BROS., INC., PAY UP \$50,000 CAPITAL

Montpelier, Feb. 18.—Canton Bros., Inc., of Barre, have filed a certificate with the secretary of State that they have paid up their capital stock of \$50,000. They are in the granite business in Barre.

Woman School Commissioners

Montpelier, Feb. 18.—The ward caucus occurred in Montpelier to-day. In four of the wards there was no strife, but there was one fight for school commissioner and one for alderman in Ward one. Mrs. E. M. Harvey, was nominated school commissioner, replacing P. D. Field, who was not a candidate. In Ward two, H. J. McJones was nominated to succeed himself. In Ward three Frank Corry, Jr., was nominated in place of Dr. L. L. Templeton by a vote of 53 to 22.

In the ward four nomination, L. A. Kelly in ward four and W. B. Stratton in ward five were nominated to succeed themselves, while in ward six Joseph Maroni defeated Robert Susena by a vote of 37 to 23.

Under the Montpelier plan of caucus nomination is considered a new election, there seldom being any nomination papers filed and there being only one party in city affairs.

St. Albans Statistics

St. Albans, Feb. 18.—During the month of January there were six marriages, 14 deaths and six deaths in this city, according to the records at the office of city clerk B. M. Hopkins. The girls were largely in the majority in the number of births, numbering nine, as compared with five boys. There was one stillbirth. The deaths were equally divided, three male and three female.

CAPT. ROCKWELL IS 90 YEARS OLD

Has Been 79 Years Engaged in Navigating Lake Champlain

St. Albans, Feb. 18.—Capt. Eli B. Rockwell, whom St. Albans is proud to count among her part time citizens at least, quietly celebrated to-day the 90th anniversary of his birth. During winter vacations from his work on Lake Champlain as a steamship captain, Capt. Rockwell divides his time between this city, where he has two daughters, Mrs. George W. Nye and Mrs. C. Fuller Carpenter, and Albany, where another daughter, Mrs. Josie Lewis, makes her home. There is another daughter, Mrs. P. A. Wheeler, living in Columbia, Tenn.

At present Capt. Rockwell is in Albany. Plans were made for him to come here for his birthday, but it was impossible for him to come as he was snowbound. Plans were altered so that it is now expected he will be in St. Albans on the 25th inst., when his grandson, Robert Carpenter, will be 11 years old, and the two "boys" will celebrate together.

Capt. Rockwell, the venerable but vigorous commander of the steamer Vermont, is the oldest man in point of years, and of service, actively engaged in navigating the waters of Lake Champlain. He was born in North Hero, Vermont, Feb. 18, 1830. His father, Merritt Rockwell, was a soldier of the War of 1812 and all but participated in the battle of Plattsburgh. His grandfather, James Rockwell, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and removed to Grand Isle county from Pawlet. At the age of 11 years Eli B. Rockwell was a cabin boy on the schooner Cynthia, running to St. Johns, Que. When he was 13 years old he was sent to St. John's to rebuild the steamer Frances which had been used as a schooner during the War of 1812 and was subsequently converted into a schooner for commercial purposes.

In 1848 he was captain of the sloop "Harrison." His career has been noteworthy for his experiences, interesting and it would take more than the ordinary newspaper article to relate them. Among his activities is the invention of a binnacle which he had patented and which is of sufficient merit so that several are in use on lake steamers.

Captain Rockwell's family is so closely identified with the history of navigation on Lake Champlain that hardly a steamer or other vessel in service during the past three quarters of a century can be named which was not either commanded or steered at some period in its existence by at least one Rockwell.

During his 79 years of career on the lake Captain Rockwell has been in only one accident of consequence.

F. W. WILDER, WOODSTOCK BANK PRESIDENT, DIES

Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 18.—Frederick W. Wilder, president of the Woodstock National Bank and former president of the Northern Bankers' association of Vermont and New Hampshire, died to-day. His wife and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph White of Fitchburg, Mass., survive.

WHEN IS PRESIDENT INCAPACITATED?

Rep. Fess Proposes Amendment to Constitution Empowering Supreme Court to Pass on Question

NOT DRIVE AT WILSON

It Is Simply an Attempt to Eliminate Intolerable Obscurity in the Fundamental Law Says Rep. Rogers, Author of a Similar Measure

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson's extended illness and the attendant discussion as to whether he was incapacitated for continuing his duties gave rise today to a proposal in the House to clarify and supplement constitutional provision on the subject.

It was made clear, however, that neither proposal was aimed at President Wilson, the intent being to define the procedure for future emergencies beyond any possibility of misconception or partisan action.

The first proposal was in the form of a resolution for a constitutional amendment, introduced by Representative Fess, chairman of the republican congressional committee, proposing to have the Supreme Court determine the ability of a President to discharge his duties whenever authorized by a concurrent resolution of Congress. If Congress was not sitting when the emergency arose, the vice-president would be authorized to call a special session.

"Unless the constitution expressly states that Congress shall be the judge of the disability of the executive," Mr. Fess said, "it is argued that it cannot safely be allowed by inference, especially under the present conditions, where the emergency arises, the vice-president would be authorized to call a special session."

"The uncertainty of the constitutional question would strongly argue the wisdom if not the necessity of an amendment pointing the way out of a possible embarrassment."

Virtually the same procedure was outlined in a bill introduced by Representative Rogers, and referred to the judiciary committee along with the Fess resolution. This would provide that the Supreme Court on the request of the Senate or House should determine whether the President "is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office within the meaning of the constitution." The same tribunal would be authorized to say whether the President's inability had been removed, in which case he would be restored to office.

"Nobody knows what constitutes inability or how it shall be determined," Mr. Rogers said. "Yet the decision may be of supreme consequence to the nation. It is high time that we should remove the uncertainty of the constitution. I propose a very simple way—a way making prerequisite action by the legislative and the judicial branches of the government which under the constitution are co-ordinate in the President himself."

"This is not a drive against the President. It is simply to eliminate intolerable obscurity in our fundamental law."

REFERENDUM ON BARGE CANAL BONDS FAVORED

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The New York State canal conference in session here today voted in favor of Governor Smith's recommendation for a State referendum on a proposition to issue bonds to raise funds with which to complete the State barge canal project.

It was estimated that approximately \$5,000,000 would be necessary for the construction of elevators, locks and locks. The conference favored having grain elevators at Buffalo, Tonawanda, Oswego and New York and coal transfer points at Watkins and Ithaca.

Strong opposition was expressed by Cornelius P. Burke of Albany and Francis E. Cullen of Oswego to the proposed referendum on the issue of the State barge canal, the claim being that while the United States would be obliged to share the expense Canada would reap most of the benefits. A committee was appointed to attend a meeting of the international commission at Buffalo next month and report against the proposal.

Prompt action by the Legislature to make possible the proposed Gravesend-Jamaica Bay canal, and improvement of the operation of shipping facilities were favored for commercial purposes on the State barge canal was condemned.

DESCHANEL BECOMES PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 18.—Paul Deschanel to-day became tenth president of the French republic succeeding Raymond Poincare, who laid aside the robes of office after one of the most critical periods in the history of the country. The formal transfer from the old to the new regime occurred at the Palace of the Elysee this afternoon. The inauguration of the French president is a formal ceremony, and the number permitted to witness the transfer of authority is limited to the presidents of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, committees from each house, and members of the cabinet.

Pierre Millerand shortly before the hour set for the ceremony, drove to the Palace Bourbon where, as president of the Chamber, M. Deschanel has maintained his residence and called for the president-elect. Entering a State carriage and preceded by a regiment of cuirassiers and preceded by a flag bearer, they drove to the palace.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD

Minneapolis, Feb. 18.—Clement Brown of the Chicago Athletic club set what was announced as a new world's record when he won the men's 500 yard swim in 23 minutes, 3.5 seconds in a Central A. A. U. Championship meet here last night. The previous record, 23, 16.4 seconds was held by B. Kieran of Australia.

McADOO NOT A CANDIDATE

New York, Feb. 18.—William Gibbs McAdoo announced to-day that he would not permit his name to be used in presidential primary ballots in the various States, and that he advocated the sending of uninstructed delegates to the democratic national convention. The former secretary of treasury said he believed the highest constructive leadership could be obtained if the national interest "is not submerged in a contest of individual candidacies."

Clean Up Probation Cases

Montpelier, Feb. 18.—V. L. Jeffrey, State probation officer, has commenced a crusade of cleaning up some of the probation cases in which the probationers have of late failed to make their reports to the officer and Deputy Probation Officer C. A. Smith has taken custody of Portland, N. H., one Allen, who will be brought back to St. Johnsbury for hearing on the charge of breaking his probation.

SAYS EDESEL FORD DEFEATED FATHER

Young Man's War Record Spoiled Parent's Chances, Says Senator Sherman

Washington, Feb. 18.—Henry Ford would have been defeated for United States senator from Michigan if the opposing candidate "had not spent 20 cents" because of the war record of his son, Edecel Ford, Senator Sherman, told the Senate to-day, adding that he expected to get young Ford's exemption record before the committee on elections, "check or no law, objection or no objection."

Referring to the younger Ford as the "son of Detroit," Senator Sherman declared his repeated efforts to obtain the draft record from the adjutant-general of the army had been fruitless. He was urging an amendment to the second deficiency bill making draft records available as public documents.

"The democratic central committee spent more money in an effort to elect the father of this distinguished military dodger to the Senate than was spent in the Newberry campaign," declared Senator Sherman, "and Ford was defeated purely on the war record of his son, Edecel."

C. V. TRAINS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

St. Albans, Feb. 18.—Although there was another snowfall of several inches today the Central Vermont Railway company continued its work of getting back to normal schedule. Trains on the main line from one to several hours late and some of them were run with double-header engines. The first train that has gone through on the Missisquoi division between this city and Richmond since Saturday night went through this afternoon with regular schedule. Trains on this line to Richmond at 2:25 o'clock. The Rutland Point branch was out of commission to-day. There was a partial resumption of freight service which has been cut off since Sunday.

The carriers on the four rural free delivery routes from the St. Albans post office who have been unable to cover their routes for two days made somewhat better progress to-day. Herman Heald, substitute on the Lake Shore route, covered about 12 of the 20-mile route; Stoddard Keegan, carrier on route four, about ten miles; George P. McGarrick, route one, five miles; and F. B. Ashland, route two, about half his trip, being obliged to stay in Georgia all night.

The St. Albans & Swanton Traction company succeeded in getting back on the track its snow plow which was derailed at Branch's Corners Sunday night, and ran the plow to the car barn on North Main street. To-day the plow was started through Main street in an attempt to open up the line and shovellers also were at work on the Swanton line. It is hoped that a high wind to get the Swanton line in operation by to-morrow night.

BIDS FOR GERMAN LINERS REJECTED

Washington, Feb. 18.—Conflicting opinions as to the advisability of the immediate sale of the former German passenger liners recently offered by the Shipping Board were presented to the Senate commerce committee to-day by members of the board.

Chairman Payne told the committee that the reconditioning of the vessels of the German liner service would involve expenditure of more than \$75,000,000 and offered a resolution approved by three of the four members of the board requesting authority to put the ships on the market. All bids recently received for the purchase of the liners have been rejected, he stated.

Vice-Chairman Stevens, of the board, on the other hand, declared that the vessels should not be sold at this time as their true value has never been worked out. He urged that the vessel be reconditioned before sale. Estimates of the value of the vessels received by the board, he said, had been made with a depreciation charge of five per cent while only 25 per cent should be thus charged off. He placed the value of the liners at nearly \$75,000,000.

Opposing the immediate sale of the liners because of the uncertainty as to their valuation Mr. Stevens said the public was entitled to know whether the fleet was being offered at fair prices. More than money was involved, he added, and the transfer to the ships should not be made until it was known that the interests of the government were being served.

The advantage accruing from the sale of the craft as they stand, Chairman Payne said, lies in the saving of the estimated cost of the repairs, together with the uncertainty as to conditions in the shipping world after the six months or more necessary for the repairs. He added that government ships were not operated by the board, but by the shipper, the profit and losses being shared by the two.

TO RESTORE CHURCH OF ST. GERVAIS

Paris, Feb. 18.—Work of restoring the Church of St. Gervais, which was struck by a "Big Bertha" shell on Good Friday, 1918, killing 54 persons, will commence March 1. It is expected that restoration of the church will be completed by next October, in time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the edifice, which occurred in 1820.

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WOULD RETAIN R. R. WAGES SIX MONTHS

Railroad Reorganization Bill Reported to Congress Guarantees Against Any Reduction Before September 1

COMPANIES SAFEGUARDED

State Commissioners Cannot Reduce Rates and Fares Within the 6-Month Period—Permanent Wage Arbitration Board Provided For

Washington, Feb. 18.—Guarantee against any reduction in wages before next September 1 is given railroad workers in the revised draft of the railroad reorganization bill reported to-day to the Senate and House.

Railroad corporations which are to reorganize and operate their properties March 1 are safeguarded likewise by the compromise measure against reductions in rates and fares at the hands of State commissions prior to September 1, the bill providing specifically against any rate or fare reduction not approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the federal regulatory body.

The reorganized reorganization measure, while not prohibitory advances either in wages or in rates, in the opinion of the Senate commerce committee, is designed to stabilize conditions in the railroad industry insofar as the conference deemed advisable.

Before presentation of the conference report and the reorganized measure to the House, where it first was received, the section of the bill relative to wages was interpreted as establishing the pay of railroad employees at the level existing when the properties are reorganized. This interpretation, which later was found to be erroneous, led to hurried conferences among railroad labor leaders in Washington, despatching of labor representatives to the capitol to ascertain the exact provision of the measure, and to the calling of a conference for to-morrow.

The section prohibiting reduction in wages under penalty before September 1 reads:

"Prior to September 1, 1920, each carrier shall pay to each employee or subordinate thereof wages or salary at a rate not less than that fixed by the decision of any agency or railway board of adjustment in connection therewith, established for executing the powers granted the President under the federal control act, in effect in respect to such employee or subordinate on the date immediately preceding 12:01 a. m. March 1, 1920."

"Although making public of the exact text of the wage section removed the necessity for to-night's conference of all union officials, the entire draft of the measure was considered at an informal conference."

Creation of a permanent federal arbitration board, composed of nine members divided equally among employees, employers and the public and appointed by the President which the revised bill proposes was considered by many railroad experts as simplifying solution of wage problems to be dealt with after return of the railroads.

The House fixed Saturday for consideration of the conference report, agreeing to meet an hour earlier than customary, so a final vote might be reached before adjournment.

Representative Barkley, a minority conferee, was given permission to file a disagreeing report. He served notice that an effort would be made to send the bill back to conference under instructions to delete some of the provisions. Supporters of the report, however, were confident that the report would be approved.

Chairman Cummins of the Senate commerce committee announced that the report would be taken up in the Senate as soon as it was sent over from the House.

BENSON WILL HEAD SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Feb. 18.—Rear Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations during the war and now on the retired list has been selected by President Wilson to succeed John Barton Payne as a member of the Shipping Board.

Admiral Benson's nomination will not be sent to the Senate until Chairman Payne winds up several pressing matters now before the board is taken over by the new secretary of interior in succession to Franklin D. Lane, whose resignation is effective March 1. It was said at the White House that this probably would take about a month.

NEW MEXICO SENATE RATIFIES SUFFRAGE

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 17 to 10 the New Mexico Senate to-day ratified the federal amendment to the constitution giving women the right to vote. The House probably will act to-morrow.

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HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT; THE NEWS BY COUNTIES

Addison County

MIDDLEBURY

The following men have been put in charge of the community work for the Addison County Farm Bureau: West Addison, Charles L. Reed, Arthur T. Clark, Percy Giddens and C. W. Fisher; Bridport, H. H. Fairbank, Elmer P. Birkett, Wilbur Hall, Carl Field, S. E. Noonan, A. D. Van Orman and Bert Ames; Goshen, Herman Jones and J. F. Farr; Hancock, D. S. Durham; Leicester, Walter Wilson, Roy Cole and Carl Baker; Lincoln, J. M. Purinton, A. W. Guindon and T. K. Burnham; Middlebury, Frank J. Hubbard, Floyd Keese, Roy Sessions, and H. N. Dow; Whiting, Frank Williams, William Taylor and Frank Rawson. Meetings will be held in the remaining towns of the county during the rest of the month. All men who are to do the canvassing are urged to cover their territory and make a final drive for membership town meeting day.

Mary Elizabeth McMahon and Charles Edithman Barlett were married at high noon Saturday at the rectory of the Church of the Assumption by the Rev. T. J. Leonard. The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leonard. The bride wore a heavy colored traveling suit with hat to match and a corsage bouquet of orchids and sweet peas. The groom was both well known, the bride having been a student of the Vermont College while the groom has just completed his course at the same institution. They left on the noon train for Springfield and Boston. They will leave for the latter part of the month for Spokane, Wash., where Mr. Barlett has a position at the Old National Bank.

The district health officer has ordered movie shows, church gatherings, and social affairs, suspended this week as a precautionary measure against the flu. Many people are ill with various ailments, and it was thought best to be on the safe side.

The funeral of William H. Brewster, which was to have been held Monday but was postponed on account of the storm, was held Tuesday afternoon. Prominent Masons from different parts of the State who were entrained were unable to attend because of the railroad blockades. The funeral was conducted according to the rites and ceremonies of the Knights Templar. The Rev. Henry C. Newell, of Middlebury, officiated. The casket was borne by the Knights of the Order of the Eastern Star, of Middlebury. Mr. Brewster was 70 years of age. He was a native of New York and had resided in Addison County for many years. He was a member of the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Genealogical Society. He was a well known and respected citizen.

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